

# **Moral Paralysis. Both Leaders and Intellectuals. “The Passive Conspiracy to Kill off Public Scrutiny”: C. Wright Mills**

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*“Every time intellectuals have the chance to speak yet do not speak, they join the forces that train men not to be able to think and imagine and feel in morally and politically adequate ways...when they do not demand that the secrecy that makes elite decisions absolute and unchallengeable be removed,*

*they too are part of the passive conspiracy to Kill off Public Scrutiny ...when they do not speak when they do not demand,*

*when they do not feel and act as intellectuals – and so as public men – they too contribute to the moral paralysis, the intellectual rigidity, that now grip both leaders and led around the world...”*

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